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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.

THE NEW BOUNTY BILL.

A letter communication by the Senate Military Committee. It was put through the House a week ago to-day without a word of debate or explanation, and in a position that cost a dozen members of that body know anything about the measure. It is in the form of a bill to construe and reclaim the meaning of the third section of the act of August 4, 1861, and provides as follows:

"That every non-commissioned officer, musician, wagoner, artificer, or private soldier, mustered or mustered in by virtue of the proclamation of the President of the United States and general orders of War Department, dated May 4 and May 25, 1861, issued in accordance therewith, prior to July 29, 1861, shall be paid the allowance of one hundred dollars provided by said proclamation and general orders in all cases where such non-commissioned officer, musician, wagoner, artificer, or private were honorably discharged or mustered out of service on account of disability; and in all cases where such non-commissioned officer, musician, artificer, or private soldier died since such muster into the service, the same shall be paid to his widow, children, or father or mother, as in the order herein limited; and the widow, children, or father and mother of any soldier who enlisted for a less period than one year, and who was killed or died in the service, shall be entitled to receive the same bounties as have been provided by law where the soldier enlisted for two years." Just how much money this measure will take out of the Treasury no one can tell. A private and unofficial calculation made at the War Department shows that the amount cannot be less than two millions of dollars, and may be over three millions. Some persons have favored the passage of the bill on the ground that the aggregate will be even greater than this last figure.

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THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Has fairly set before the House and the debate to-day was quite spirited and at times wholly diplomatic. Messrs. Cox, Brooks and Farnsworth were all very sassy and their personalities were greatly relished by the galleries and many members, as such things always are. Cox got a sharp at Butler's retort, that the epithet of "shoo, fly!" will be fitting for the tiffs to take the place of Butler, and Farnsworth got a sharp at Cox's chair, but did nothing to check the slang and vituperation of the debate. Under such circumstances it is hard to rise and demand the enforcement of the rules of order. The gratifying feature of the day's proceedings was that the House stood nobly by Dawes and his committee for economy and retrenchment. The principal contest was on the provision of Speaker Colfax, the expense of which is more than ten times as great as it was ten years ago. Butler stood up for things about as they are now, while the committee recommended a reduction of at least one-fourth. The amendment, after a long debate, by more than four to one of the members present.

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FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

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SENATE.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE BILL.

Mr. SCHURZ introduced a joint resolution concerning colleges for the promotion of agricultural and mechanical arts. It provides that the State shall be entitled to receive the proceeds of the sale of lands donated by the United States for agricultural and mechanical colleges, in the event that they can not receive such lands unless the colleges to be established shall provide facilities for instruction in all, without regard to race or color.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported, with amendments, a bill to provide the hospital service.

Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee on Post Offices, reported the House Post House bill, with amendments.

PROTECTION.

The greater portion of the morning hour was consumed by Mr. SCOTT in refutation of the charges made by Mr. Bigelow, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, particularly as to the collection of the tax on distilled spirits. He denied that the Post or an other citizen with the exception of Bigelow had ever charged that the law was not being properly executed, and contended that the duty of Congress was to send to the Senate and Representative Committees of conference, upon which Congress would be represented, the bill passed by the Senate and the House, and instruct them to agree upon a bill which would secure the collection of the tax on distilled spirits.

Mr. CAMERON said that the law of 1868 was passed by the Republican party, and that party was responsible for its failure or refusal to vote for the bill introduced by the Committee on Finance.

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The Convention Yesterday.

The Legislative Committee's Report.

The Oath Question—Special Legislation.

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THE LEGISLATIVE OATH QUESTION.

The entire morning session of the convention was devoted to the discussion of the legislative oath question. Some of the members were fiercely set against impressing upon the electorate the oath contemplated, and demanded to know who made the convention the keeper of men's consciences. But the temper of the convention was shown in the almost unanimous adoption of the form of oath suggested. If called upon by more than straws, some oldtime future Legislatures of this State will have a high time in getting around the restrictions imposed by this our against corruption.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

In the afternoon the article on special legislation was taken up. This article enumerates the instances where such legislation shall be prohibited, and leaves some avenues open where the Legislature can act loosely if exigencies so demand. Mr. Merriam, of Tazewell, wished to cut off all local and special legislation whatsoever, as did also Mr. Farley, of Marshall, who made one of his characteristic and very funny speeches upon the subject, which convulsed the convention with laughter. The whole session, as a period, will be adopted, however, with not less, if any, amendments. In fact, the temper of the convention seems to be to adopt this whole legislative report very nearly as it came from the hands of the committee.

THE CONVENTION.

The resolution offered by Mr. Cummings relative to the cost of the entire convention, and by another member that the further publishing of the debates be dispensed with, has created some inquiry as to the expense being incurred in this direction. It has been estimated by a prudent person that the whole cost of printing will be in the neighborhood of $25,000, and that the bill will be as much over $5,000. Those uneasy gentlemen who are fearful that the cost is too great for the people can now set themselves entirely at rest on this subject.

ELECTORAL REFORM.

The Committee on Electoral Reform reported several articles to-day, through their Chairman, Mr. Merriam, of Tazewell. A majority of them in favor of the propositions were listened to with great attention. There will be considerable of a fight over the minority report, which contains five articles which have reference to all which may be considered connected with this report. Whether it will finally come out is for the future to say: it is a new question to many of the members, and they may yet have very ideas on the subject whatever.

SUFFRAGE.

To-day having been set apart for the consideration of the report of the Committee on Suffrage, which, under the rules, will now go over indefinitely, suggests that the Committee's report on this topic: The general understanding here, in connection with the report of the Committee on Suffrage, which, under the rules, will now go over indefinitely, suggests that the Committee's report on this topic: The general understanding here, in connection with the report of the Committee on this subject will be submitted to the people, not containing anything relating to color. There will be, however, the logical consequence of the Fifteenth Amendment,

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The convention met at 10 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented for precautions against fraudulent elections, and for the abolition of the Board of Police; for Sabbath observance; for the Maine liquor law; and other subjects.

COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORTS.

Mr. MEDILL, of the Committee on Electoral Reform, presented a report, which, made a report, which is as follows:

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THE TRIAL OF BLATCHFORD.

for frauds committed in the Custom House, has been postponed, on account of the absence of two important papers and witnesses. Some of them are in Canada, and will not return to the States. Two witnesses who refused to furnish important testimony have gone to Europe.

THE REPUBLICAN JUNTA.

A letter from Brussels says that parties who intend to speculate in Louisiana in France have formed to that city, and have already enrolled large numbers in their conspiracy. Napoleon is said to be aware of these movements; there is great dissatisfaction among the French soldiers, and that several regiments can be relied upon to join the revolution whenever word is given.

FINANCIAL.

There was more activity than usual to-day in the stock market, with considerable fluctuations. It is understood that a corner is being manipulated in general stocks. Operators were dealing largely in Northern Illinois, Canada, and Ohio & Mississippi, and were confident of an advance in these stocks. Rates of money ranged greatly regulated their operations.

THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT

has caused a lot of alarm among insurers, and many financiers predict that it will be reversed.

SUIT AGAINST THE FRENCH CLEARS COMPANY.

The Collector of Internal Revenue has brought suit against the French Clarin Company for internal revenue taxes, amounting to $50,000. If this suit is successful, a number of similar suits will be about $18,000.

THE REPUBLICAN BOOK CONCERN.

The *Tribune* will publish, to-morrow, a report of the Book Committee of the Methodist Book Concern. The report is signed by H. Fitzgerald, Chairman, and L. M. Vernon, Secretary, and composed of James Pike, of New Hampshire Conference; C. B. Vanoleve, of Newark Conference; Henry Stowe, of Baltimore Conference; Henry Stowe, of Baltimore Conference; J. F. Kennedy, of North Ohio Conference; B. F. Rawlins, of Indiana Conference; P. A. Mason, of Illinois Conference; C. H. Fowler, of Pittsburgh Conference; L. M. Vernon, of St. Louis Conference; J. Rothweiler, of Central German Conference. The careful sifting of the evidence revealed not that the management of the concern had been most praiseworthy, and that the principal agent, Mr. Carlton, had been a faithful and efficient officer for his able and upright administration of affairs. The report closes with the statement that the disturbance they find that the concern has been increasingly prosperous and that its success has not been surpassed, if equaled, by any other publishing house in the world, and that it is now in a sound and healthy condition, and under such system of checks and balances as to be entirely secure. The testimony is voluminous, and if published in full would make a book of several hundred pages. It has been carefully taken by a competent stenographer, and will be presented to the General Conference at its next session.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

THE TRIBUNE COMPANY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—James Fisk, Jr., has issued circulars, dated New York, February 10, to H. Ramsey and a number of officers and stockholders of the Tribune Company, in which he proposes that defendants have put up only 10 per cent of the amount due on their stock, and are compelled to pay up the remaining 90 per cent for the benefit of creditors. He also calls a meeting of holders of the road, Judge Barnard on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, at which time he will move for an injunction should not be granted restraining the defendants from voting or transferring or voting or stock until they shall have paid in full the 90 per cent due on their stock, and for the appointment of a receiver. Judge Barnard will not consent for defendants asked for an adjournment of the motion for an injunction for a period of one week, and until the hearing of the motion the defendants are restrained from voting any of the stock in controversy.

THE BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

The Board of Fire Underwriters of New York, representing thirty companies, with a capital of one hundred millions of the Supreme Court, the regularity of the proceedings in the case of the Tribune corporation were found in accord with the law, and the rights of all parties fully protected and secured, in pursuance of the decision of the Supreme Court.

ELECTION OF BANK DIRECTORS.

Application was made to the Supreme Court for leave in the case of Gardner Robert H. Clark, Walcott, whose term of office as director of the Bank of North America is represented to be suffering from

THE MURDERER REVOKED.

Jack Reynolds, who appeared in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mrs. Ann Ward, Wednesday. Counsel was assigned him.

P. A. Burrel, one of the oldest members of the Stock Exchange, died suddenly this morning.

SENATOR SUMNER AND CUBA.

A *New York Herald* special says that Senator Sumner, and obtained his views on the topic of Cuban affairs. He is understood to say that he is strongly opposed to recognition as the case now stands, and that he considers that the Cuban belligerency is to a war with Spain, and, in consequence, to a war with the United States, a case that would shake the pillars of the Government. He is not sure as to which would be the best course to pursue in the present crisis, he is not sure as to which would be the best course to pursue in the present crisis, but he is sure as to which would be the best course to pursue in the present crisis, but he is sure as to which would be the best course to pursue in the present crisis, but he is

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REPRESENTATIVE APPORTIONMENT.

One of the most difficult, and at the same time most important, questions before the Constitutional Convention is that of establishing a system of apportionment of members of the Legislature. The Legislature, as now constituted, consists of fifty-one Senators and one hundred and two Representatives, making a total of one hundred and fifty-three members; the whole population of the State is [illegible] 51, and the ratio to a Senator [illegible] of population to a Senator. We have [illegible] in the State, and both [illegible] four of these will constitute the requisite number. The [illegible] will therefore consist of twelve Senatorial Districts. This will [illegible] a mere Senate, and [illegible] almost every county having an excess or deficiency of population sufficient to [illegible] to make a Senator. Cook county having the population of four-fifths of [illegible] counties [illegible] Senator; and that relation [illegible] having one and three-fourths of a [illegible] shall have two Senators. The House of Representatives is to consist of 153 members; the whole population is to be divided by 153, and the quotient will be the ratio for one Representative. In making this division there will, of necessity, be an excess in some counties and deficiencies in others. This is remedied by allowing counties having three-fifths of a ratio a Representative; each county having one and three-fourths of a ratio, two Representatives, and counties having three full ratios, three Representatives. Any county having less than three-fifths of a ratio is to be attached to the smallest adjoining county which is not thus attached to any other county, then to Representative districts, composed of contiguous counties, in accordance with the rules in the case of single counties. Notwithstanding this arrangement, there will be three thirty-seven counties of the thirty having only one member; the whole population of which would appear as engaged in the same industry by another branch of the census. It is wholly silent as to the statistics of trade and transportation, as distinguished from agriculture and manufactures. The political economist looks in vain in it for many of the most important facts on which he desires light; and on those on which it gives information it is so crudely taken as to be often deceptive and nearly always untrustworthy, except in so far as the statements accord with our other means of information.

The present law prescribes the schedules, and General Walker, in taking the census, would have no power to change them, nor would the Marshals be authorized to obey him if he attempted it. It seems plain, therefore, that the defect of the Census bill by the Senate is a very absurd blunder, and the sooner they recede from it the better.

Mr. Judd has introduced a bill in Congress to appropriate about $600,000 for the enlargement of the harbor of Chicago. The people of Chicago would be very glad to have a bill passed appropriating this sum of money for their benefit, and they will give Mr. Judd the full measure of credit for his zeal in looking out for them; but the probable course of the bill will be something like this: The Louisville & Portland Canal will be tacked upon it, then the levees of the Mississippi, then the Hale embankment at Hell Gate, then the steals in the Tennessee River, then the Fox and Wisconsin River improvement, then the Ohio River improvement, then the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, then the Soo to Superior Canal, then the St. Louis River, and so forth; so fifty small harbors and rivers will be [illegible] appropriation large. In the end the people of Chicago will have paid [illegible] rather than it would have cost them to improve their own harbor, a large part of which money will be expended to divert [illegible] away from Chicago; and after the [illegible] ways is [illegible] harbor at the go. If Chicago can carry [illegible] appropriation by itself, without [illegible] make it part of a log-rolling bill [illegible] general creation and calling for [illegible] Northern Congressmen to save the [illegible] will probably [illegible] Congress will agree to [illegible]. If Congress refuses [illegible] appropriate [illegible] money to [illegible] however, the [illegible] can take care of herself, thereby [illegible] government a favor. We [illegible]

COMMISSIONER WELLS AND HIS ASSISTANTS.

It is one of the [illegible] incident to public life in this country that the incumbent of office is constantly exposed to the [illegible] criticism and abuse of that portion of the public which is politically or otherwise opposed to him. Men of the highest ability and integrity, equally with those of little or no pretension, by either qualification, are forced, whenever called upon to accept position in the service of the government, to undergo an amount of indignity that is appalling, and that in any other civilized country would be considered monstrous. And as a necessary result of this condition of things, it is every day becoming more and more difficult to induce the better class of citizens to accept public office at all. The risk of reputation is too great. For the most part, those prefer the [illegible] to the [illegible] and honest effort in private station to all the disinction it is possible to acquire outside of it. But this is generally admitted, and for some [illegible] has been conceded even by those [illegible] to subscribe and deplore the evils and irregularities incident to an unrestrained and over-zealous partisan press; and the subject is opened up here only because the treatment which Commissioner Wells has received [illegible] receive from a leading representative of that class, makes a reference to it an appropriate introduction to a few words in his defense.

At a time when the burdens of the war through the [illegible] is [illegible] bearing heavily on the people, [illegible] murmurs, both loud and deep, [illegible] were heard throughout the [illegible] Congress created a Department to investigate the subject of the [illegible] Wells was invited [illegible] assume the responsibility of its direction and management. This gentleman was raised from the position solely on the ground of his [illegible] and character. He had taken [illegible] political influence having but [illegible] part in the matter, and when it is known that he had consented to accept a position that put upon him, much additional labor, was [illegible] to those familiar with the [illegible] tions; to be pursued and [illegible] as policies for the acts of a few of their number. Mr. Blake, on the contrary, gives a history of the progress of the Canadian Indians in agriculture, education, and the mechanical arts, as a result of the traditionary policy of treating the Indians as their weaker allies, their wards, not to be conquered as enemies or exterminated as vermin, but to be firmly but kindly governed, and [illegible] children, whom too much indulgence spoils and too great severity brutalizes.

Two facts stand out on the surface of the Indian question. First, that while the Spanish, Portuguese, Portuguese-Canada, Mexico, and South America have always fraternized with the Indians, readily to Catholic Christianity and to the shepherd life, so that, especially in Mexico and Canada, the Indian occupies a familiar position in law, and the Church under an inequality with the white man, the Anglo-Saxon race has never met the Indian except on land terms of mutual extermination. It is so in the United States; so it is in Australia, whose blacks resemble our Indians; and in the West Indies. These races have no common ground, in religion or occupation, on which they can meet. The Indian could pass from hunting cattle to herding them, but not to tilling the soil. The change is too abrupt. He cannot accept Christianity and civilization at a single step. Hence the [illegible] of the Indian [illegible] Second, that the [illegible] of the Canadian Indians [illegible] Mexico [illegible] Indians [illegible] Mexico [illegible] Indians [illegible] Mexico [illegible]

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The Pictures: Art on the Basis of Heels.

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Every one walked, talked, and looked, and everything was as merry as a marriage bell. The exercise for the heads was a little severe, but the promenade in the parquet of the auditorium, and those who were really fatigued in trying to discover Zwecker's characteristics in Carpenter's Assault, and were admiring Diffenbach's scene in Vanderpoel's Dante, couldn't make any sickness when it came to the responsible duties of the Lucullan feast. Germania Hall was fresh in its canvas, sky banner. Among other things the side boxes were partially turned from the gaze, and with one head over her eyes, as if unable to jar the brightness of the scene, and another with bonbon wistful gaze. At a composition the ceiling is full of beauty and art, and at the combination of the foliage and flowers, the drawing of festoons, and the graceful sweep between the two latticed walls and the suggestive indications of a throne, the Dead Creature says: "Why, Jenny, it is palpable that there must have been a painter employed to do the work of decoration and preserving the harmony of the picture from injury by the public and rascal admirers." A painter could not have given more. Mr. Bonestell also has in the auditorium a picture of Diana's Bath, and Diana in power and tone on her landscapes, all of which are worthy of attention by the public.

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Here you had the artists at home. You see more of them here than in the gallery. Here you find their characteristics hung upon the walls and the half-finished works upon their easels, for the sketches betray their manner of work, and are more elementary than tell one of their manner of handling. It is in the studios that these philosophers paint and artistize, half mentalize and half materialize the side of their fellow-pets a commission, and decide what he shall do with the money. If you have the entree at these studios it is pretty much the same as where you will learn more or art than you can in front of the works in the most elaborately arranged gallery. Here is where these Bonestians of the upper air, who live and move and have their being in the ideal, work all winter like the bees upon the treasures they intend to store away for the winter's supply. Considered if they sell their real estate off—never, especially considered if they don't. They let this sort of thing go good in the years of pocket-books, but rich in the wealth of artistic ideas, one has partially turned from the gaze, and with one head over her eyes, as if unable to jar the brightness of the scene, and another with bonbon wistful gaze. At a composition the ceiling is full of beauty and art, and at the combination of the foliage and flowers, the drawing of festoons, and the graceful sweep between the two latticed walls and the suggestive indications of a throne, the Dead Creature says: "Why, Jenny, it is palpable that there must have been a painter employed to do the work of decoration and preserving the harmony of the picture from injury by the public and rascal admirers." A painter could not have given more. Mr. Bonestell also has in the auditorium a picture of Diana's Bath, and Diana in power and tone on her landscapes, all of which are worthy of attention by the public.

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